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TRANSPARENTLY ABSURD ARGUMENTS.

At the hearing on the public utilities commission bill, Thursday, several lawyers who represented sundry public service corporations, appeared in opposition, and one of them made statements of interest, largely on account of their absurdity. He said that under the proposed bill no public service corporation can extend its lines, wires or mains without getting permission from "Andy" Gates or some other member of the Republican state central committee; that this bill was a plan used by Governor Woodruff to secure re-election and knock out the machine; that the Republican party made no mention of the bill in its platform and the Democrats took it up after declaring against government by commission and then nominated a candidate for governor who was connected with all the leading public service corporations; and, most startling of all, that over-capitalization does not affect rates.

This corporation assumed that the commission, if created, would be made up, or would be controlled by, the members of the Republican State committee; he omitted to state, that although the Republican State Convention did not advocate the proposed commission, its candidate for Governor made it the leading feature of his campaign and may reasonably attribute his election to it, combined with the corporate affiliations of his Democratic competitor; his charge against Ex-Gov. Woodruff is in effect an assertion that the Republican machine is in the service of the public utilities corporations, which is probably true; and his assertion that over-capitalization does not affect rates, is so grossly absurd as to engender a suspicion that he was mentally unbalanced when he uttered it. When a corporation pays 4.5 or 6 per cent. on honest capital and then after doubling its capital with "wind and water" continues to pay the same percentage, it must either have been earning double the amount originally paid in dividends, or it must have raised its service rates. In either case, the intervention of an honest public utilities commission is demanded by the public interest.

Such transparently absurd arguments as were made by this corporation lawyer should aid the passage of the pending bill, provided it was not killed in advance by packing one or both houses against it.

The women of the country appear to be growing excited over the increased tariff tax on stockings. From their failure to notice other tariff taxes which bear heavily upon them, one might almost conjecture that they contemplate the use of stockings only as their customary attire.

Gov. Hughes' direct primary bill has been rejected by a vote of 112 to 28. He is noted for persistency in pushing whatever he believes to be right, regardless of obstacles, and has sometimes won thereby, but this majority appears too large to be overcome.

The close season on deer expires in 1911, and the Fish and Game committee of the General Assembly has decided on all pending bills except one which provides that the cost of assessing damages done by deer shall be paid by the state. This action is in effect, a refusal to extend the close season, but the General Assembly of 1911 may pass an extension bill. An extension is not, however, expected, for deer are becoming so plentiful, particularly in Litchfield county, as to cause much annoyance to farmers and damage to crops.

The Legislature is made up largely of ignoramus led by a few clever men, said a speaker at a recent legislative committee meeting in Hartford. There have been many criticisms of the personnel of General Assemblies in past years, but we do not recall one of such severity as that above quoted. In our judgment, it is unwarranted. Connecticut has an excellent system of public schools, and education is practically compulsory. Presumably, every member of the Legislature is either a graduate of these schools, or others of equal rank, and the charge of ignorance must therefore be unfounded.

As to being led by a few clever men, that charge may have some foundation. It is a fact that too many members either refuse to use their brains or distrust their own judgment, and are therefore the easy victims of the "few clever men."

We do not doubt that the Connecticut Legislature is the equal in intelligence of any similar body chosen under similar conditions.

Some especially interesting facts in connection with the proposed increase of the tariff taxes on gloves, have lately come to light. The present tax on gloves runs from \$1 to \$1.50 per

dozen; on gloves for women and children, it ranges from \$2.50 to \$5.00 per dozen.

Under the Payne bill, now pending in Congress, gloves under 17 inches in length are increased from \$2.50 to \$7.40 per dozen; kid gloves not over 14 inches are increased from \$3 to \$4, from \$3.40 to \$4.40, from \$3.80 to \$4.80, from \$4 to \$5.75, from \$4.40 to \$6.15, according to the lining, finishing, etc.

In a speech delivered in the House on March 26, Representative Pou said: "If this schedule should be enacted into law, there is not a woman or a child in America who wears gloves who would not suffer by reason of the change, and the beneficiaries of the change would probably be confined within the limits of one city, Gloversville, N. Y."

The change in this schedule is not surprising to some of us who have been in Washington for quite a while and have gained some little insight into the way in which things are done. During the last days of the last session of the Sixty-sixth Congress the fact of the subsidy bill was hanging in the balance. The measure had passed the Senate and had come to the House for ratification or rejection. It was known that the vote would probably be very close. In this exigency Republican leaders who had this measure in charge brought to their assistance all of the old guard within reach, who were supposed to have influence over the membership of the House of Representatives. One very genial gentleman in particular, who is largely interested in the glove business, was on the scene and, it is said, did yeoman service in bringing up Republican recalcitrants to the support of that vicious measure. Likewise, immediately preceding the assembling of the present Congress, when the organization of the House was in doubt, this same genial gentleman was on hand doing yeoman service to force back into line bolters from the regular Republican column.

His town of Gloversville has control of the output of men's gloves to a very large extent. His community enjoys a protection against competition which is so complete that during the year 1907 only 108,000 dozen men's gloves were brought into the United States from abroad. His community has had a monopoly of this business. Now, to and behold, he is to be rewarded with an additional monopoly probably of the manufacture of women's and children's gloves also.

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INJUSTICE DONE
DELANEY MAY
BE RIGHTED

That the injustice done to Prosecuting Attorney Alexander Delaney by the Ministers' Association of this city, in sending a circular letter to the members of the state legislature, accusing him of allowing a prize fight to go on in this city, would be righted by the Association is rumored. One of the prominent members of the association, in speaking to Mr. Delaney, admitted that a wrong had been done him. But no effort has yet been made to retract the accusation.

On the eighth of March Rev. Arthur Davies, pastor of the Trinity M. E. church, North avenue, met Mr. Delaney at the latter's office in the Sanford building. Mr. Delaney said to him: "Don't you think Mr. Davies that it is high time you retracted the statement that was circulated in Hartford, among the representatives."

Rev. Davies replied, it is said, "I didn't know until a few brief hours ago that I was wrong. I want to do the proper thing and I'll do it in my power to rectify these erroneous statements."

At this time Rev. Davies had found out that Mr. Delaney had nothing whatever to do with the allowing of a prize fight in the city, and that the permit had been given by the Mayor and Police Commissioners without his participation.

Upon being asked what he intended to do, Rev. Davies replied that he did not know. Mr. Delaney suggested that he go before the Ministers' Association and have them write a letter, retracting their statements and have this letter printed and sent to the same persons as the original circular accusing Mr. Delaney was sent.

A few days after, Rev. Davies went to Bantam, Connecticut, for a rest, while the legislature was taking action on matters in which Mr. Delaney had a small interest, and while the members had in mind a false impression of Mr. Delaney, due to the circulars sent out by the Ministers' Association.

WAR PRISONERS
ELECT OFFICERS

(Special from United Press.)
Hartford, April 10.—The annual meeting of the Connecticut Association of Prisoners of War which was held in the G. A. R. hall here yesterday was well attended. Many sad recollections were recalled to the minds of the veterans by the reading of the diary of Father Claveau of St. Augustine, Fla., who was chaplain of the Andersonville prison during the Civil War.

At the business meeting the following officers were elected: John R. Jenkins, Unionville, president; Abraham Coffe, Thompsonville, vice president; Lester D. Phelps, Rockville, secretary and treasurer; Mary C. Phelps, Gardner, assistant secretary.

NEWEST NOTES OF SCIENCE.

The Ceylon yellow silk spider weighs nine ounces.

Maryland produces over 1,000,000 pounds of honey a year.

The addition of a little powdered chalk is said to make common glue stronger.

The cows of the United States yield about 70,000,000,000 pounds of milk each year.

Thirty-two German cities own and manage their local electric light and power plants.

Contracts have been let for \$7,000,000 worth of electric installation for Japanese railroads.

There were 795 cremations in Great Britain last year, exceeding the record of any previous year.

More than one-eighth of the fires in New York last year were directly traced to carelessness with matches.

Work on what will be the largest ships afloat, two 800-foot steamers for the White Star line, was begun in January.

During the outbreak of Apthous fever last January and February the Pennsylvania veterinary authorities inspected 38,000 farms.

The pain of a mosquito bite is due to the fluid which the insect injects to make the blood thin enough for it to swallow.

The new "automobile turbine" torpedoes of the United States navy have a range of nearly three miles and cost about \$5,000 apiece to build.

THE VOICES OF
THE SPRING

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By FRIEND W. SMITH

Hark!—hear the voices
of the Spring.
Which, after Winter's
frost and snows,
Speak forth in every
living thing.
And every gentle breeze
that blows.

Wood'd by the sunshine
and the rain,
The frozen earth revives
once more.
And clothes in beauty,
hill and plain,
With forms that died
the year before.

The buds and blossoms
on the trees,
The promises of nobler things
Of ripened fruit
'mid sheltering leaves,
Give,—praises to the
King of Kings.

The springs o'erflow
their mossy banks
And running down through
meads and dales
In liquid music sing
their thanks
To Him whose mercy
never fails.

The crocus laughs
in childish glee,
And rollicks in the
fragrant air.
From winter's prison now
set free,
It finds a welcome
everywhere.

The lily, gorgeously
arrayed,
Repeats old and
wondrous story
Of how its brilliant robe
was made,
Excelling all in
kingly glory.

The violet, with its
fragrant breath,
And all the other flowers
that blow,
Now rescued from
the jaws of death,
"Praise Him all creatures
all blessings flow."

The chorus choir of
singing birds,
On all that breathe,
their gifts bestow;
"Praise Him all creatures
all blessings flow."

The soul is lifted up
on high,
And listening, we can
hear almost,
EARTH!—whispering to the
stars sky,
"Praise Him above ye
Heavenly Hosts."

Earth's water—turns
again to wine,
And bowed before
the Sacred Host,
We drink!—and flushed
with life divine,
"Praise
Father, Son and Holy Ghost."

These voices EVERY ONE
can hear
Whose soul is filled with
Heavenly Grace,
To dwell at times
devoutly near,
And talk with Nature,
face to face.

The Heavenly Father's power
to save,
Is voiced by all, and
thus they sing,
Whence is thy victory,
Oh grave?
And boasting Death,
where is thy sting?

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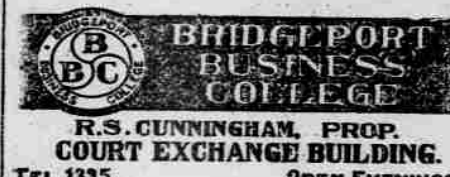
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